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Application No. 09/813,213
Response to Final Office ActionAttorney Docket No. 01147/LH**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicant(s): Minoru ASAKAWA et al
Serial No. : 09/813,213
Filed : March 20, 2001
For : IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
Art Unit : 2624
Examiner : King Y Poon**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**Commissioner for Patents
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S I R :

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed January 13, 2006, the term for response to which expires on April 13, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claim 18 is amended; claims 3 and 4 are canceled; and claims 1, 2, 5-17 and 19-21 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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